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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MCHO-Q (40)

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MEDCOM RMCs/MEDCENS/MEDDACs

SUBJECT: Requirement for Survey of Home Care Services by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)

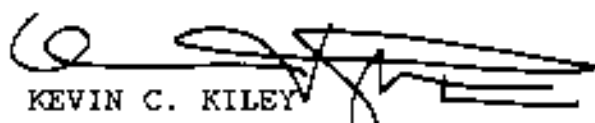
1. Effective 1 April 2000, Home Health Care Services will be subject to JACHO inspection.
2. Beginning 1 April 2000, any home care activities provided by a medical treatment facility (MTF) must receive an initial home care survey in conjunction with its scheduled triennial inspection. Commanders should ensure that a narrative description of all services offered in the home is attached to the application. This will allow JCAHO to determine whether or not the services meet the criteria for a home care survey.
3. Request that each MTF commander submit a report electronically to the U.S. Army Medical Command, ATTN: MCHO-Q, no later than 1 May 2000, that contains the following information. This information will be used to identify performance indicators for each facility to review on future inspections.
 - a. Home Care Service Provided.
 - b. Reason Service is Provided.
 - c. Category of Staff Members Providing the Service.
4. Educational and Developmental Intervention Service programs provided in the home will be inspected as a Behavioral Health Program under the Behavioral Health Standards, not as a Home Care Program.

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